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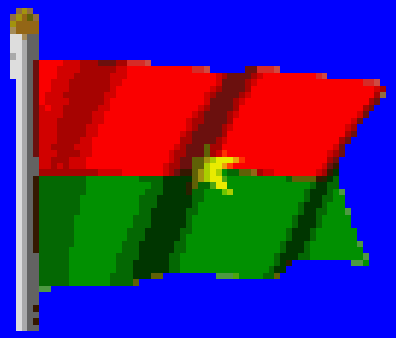

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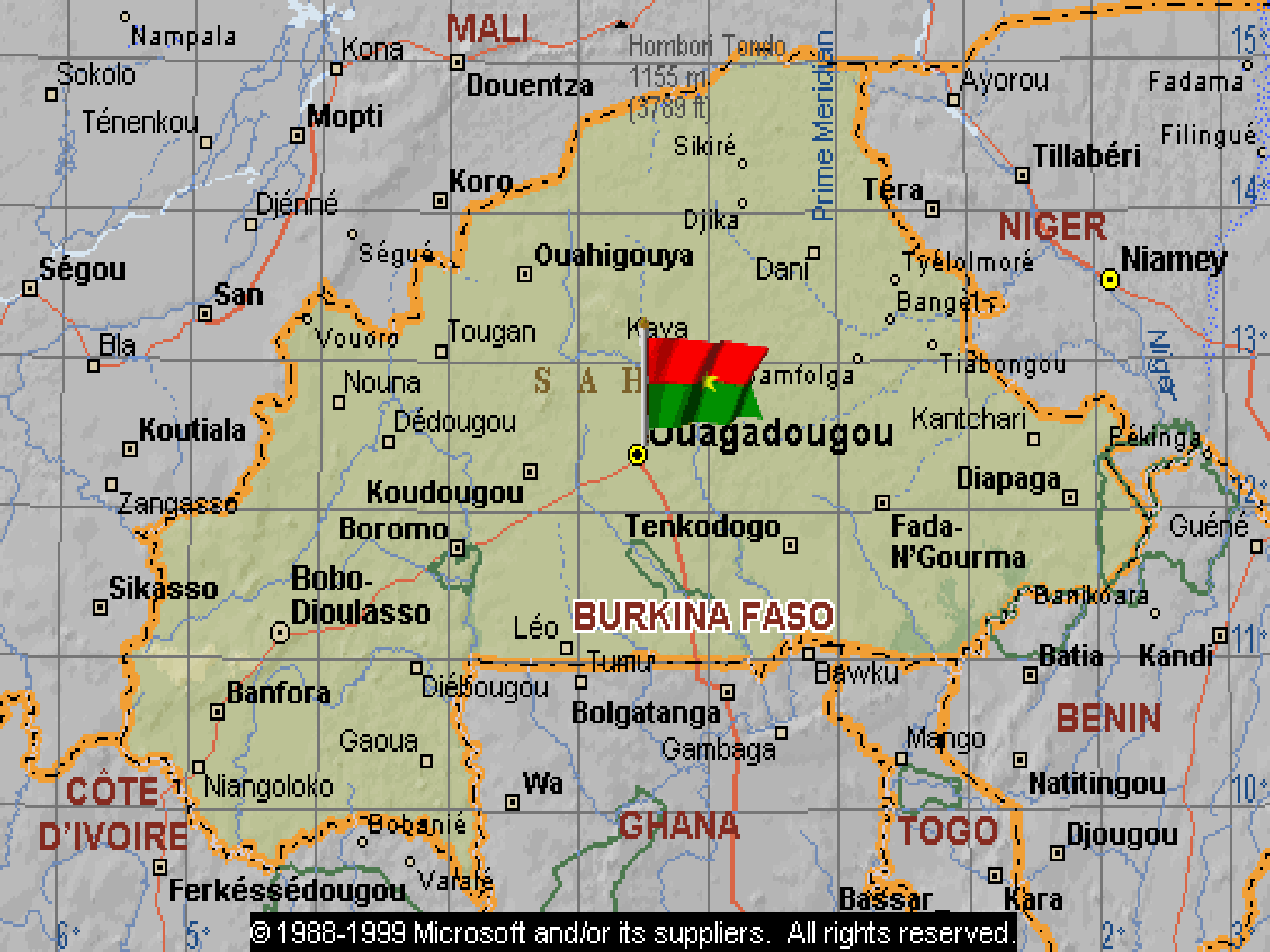

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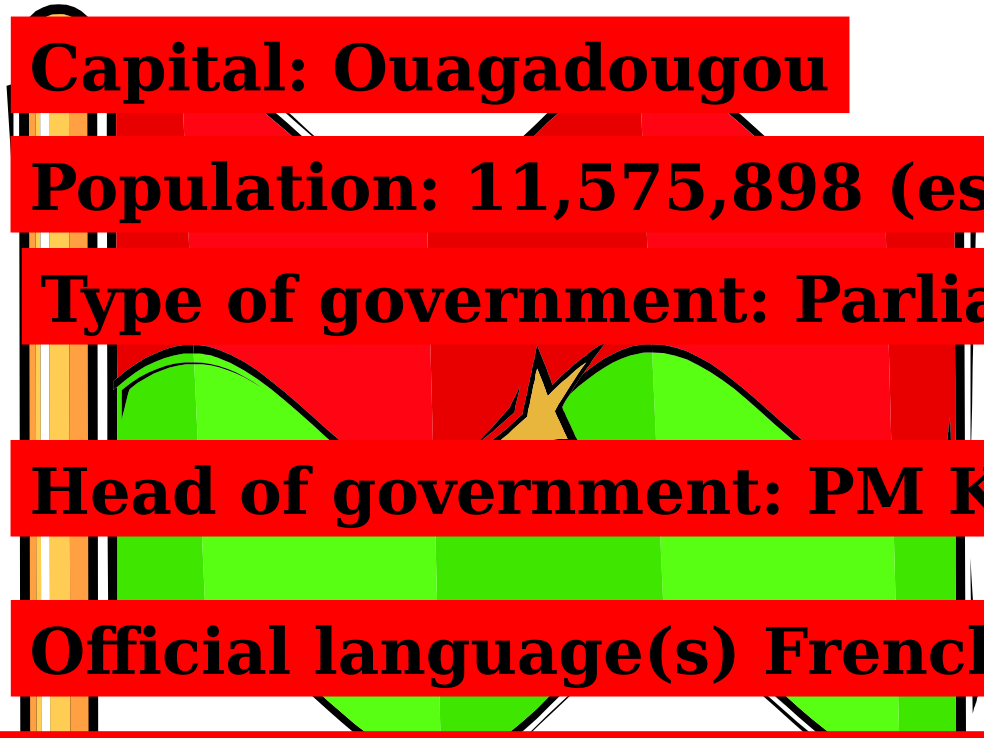

Full Name: Burkina Faso

Capital: Ouagadougou

Population: 11,575,898 (est)

Type of government: Parliamentary

Head of government: PM Kadre Desire

Official language(s) French, Sudanese

Economy: Agricultural-based

Religions: Islam (50%), Indigenous (40%) Christian (10%)

TRAVEL

INFORMATION

Travel restrictions: None

International Airport: Ouagadougo

Flights from Frankfurt: None

Other methods of arrival: Ship/Road/Rail

U.S. Embassy address: Avenue Raoul Follerau, Ouagadougo
Tel: 226-306-723/724/725/312660 FAX: 226-31-23-68

Transportation: Public transportation: Poor.

Urban Roads/Maintenance: Fair.

Rural roads/Maintenance: Poor.

Availability of roadside assistance: Poor. Travelers should exercise caution when traveling by land in Burkina Faso. Roads are in very bad condition. Travel at night is very risky since a large number of trucks pass through the country, and

ENTRY/EXIT

Travel Necessities: Military personnel on leave require passports and visas. Military personnel on leave do not require clearance or advance notice. Identification cards and orders are required. For official travel, no fee passports and visas are required. For unofficial travel, passports and visas are required. Visas are required for all travelers, including aircrew members. In exceptional circumstances, visas for official visitors can be obtained at airport, but Amembassy strongly recommends visitors obtain visa before arrival. Visas are normally valid for three months for entry, for a stay of 30 days, and for single entry; they may be obtained at French diplomatic offices in most countries where there is no Burkina

Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required.

Duty-free entry for personal effects: 2 cameras and 10 rolls of film, jewelry, portable typewriter if necessary, razor, record player and records, reasonable amount of tobacco products for length of stay, and 2 qt of liquor.

HELPFUL HINTS

Special restrictions: Facilities for tourism are not widely available. A valid photo permit must be obtained from the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry's list of photo restrictions are expected to be observed. The US Embassy can provide information on specific photography regulations. Visitors should not photograph airports, border checkpoints, or military personnel. Advance notice of several months is required to register firearms. Amembassy recommends firearms not be imported. Local telephone service is excellent but expensive. International calls cannot always be made from hotels. It is often necessary to make international calls from a Post and Telecommunications Office, where only local currency is accepted. Collect calls are not possible.

Amembassy operating hours are Mon-Fri, 0730L-1200L and 1300L-1630L.

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MONEY

Currency restrictions: There are no restrictions on currency imports provided the currency is declared on arrival. Currency up to the amount imported and declared can be exported. Credit cards are rarely accepted. Travelers checks can be cashed at local banks. Verbal declaration is required on departure. Exchange at banks or large hotels; hotel rates are less favorable. Official travelers can exchange currency at Amembassy at more favorable rates; receipts are not required.

Rate: Approximate: 500 CFA francs for $1.

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HEALTH

Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, malaria, arthropod-borne diseases,schistosomiasis, STDs, and heat injuries.

Availability of medical services: Poor. Medical facilities in Burkina Faso are limited. Medicine may be in short supply.

Medical Insurance: May not apply in Burkina Faso. Check with your policy advisor to see if you are covered or will be reimbursed

Status of hospitals: Poor.

Health Precautions: Malaria risk exists throughout the year and throughout the country. Malaria prophylaxis is used by most visitors and residents. Yellow fever vaccination required of all travelers over one year of age. Burkina is considered a cholera and yellow fever-infected area.

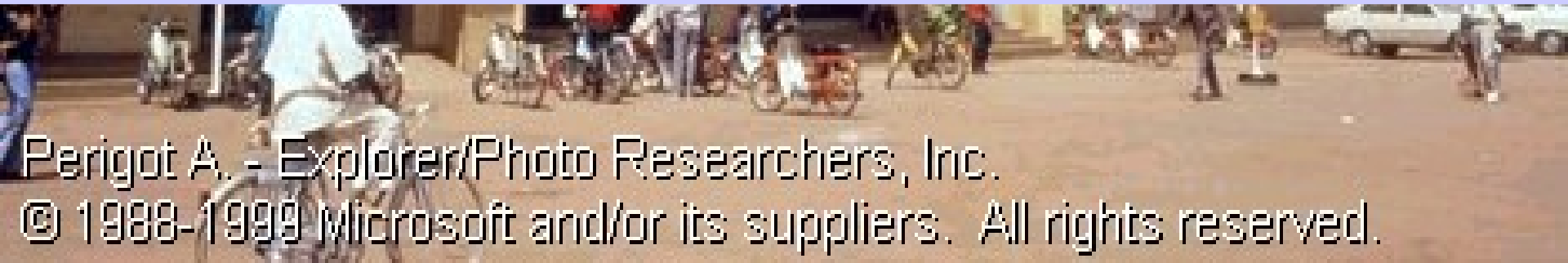
Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B, MMR, typhoid, influenza, yellow fever, meningococcal vaccine, and TD.

FORCE PROTECTION

Country Clearance is needed for high-ranking officers traveling to Burkina Faso. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of scheduled visit. DV visits will also be coordinated through

Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer

Water purification tablets and boiling water are recommended. Use canned or dried milk. Wash with disinfectant or cook fruits and vegetables. Eat at recommended places. Malarial drugs and mosquito nets are advised. U.S. citizens should avoid crowds, political gatherings and demonstrations and maintain security awareness at all times. Visitors should not photograph airports, border checkpoints, or military personnel.



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CRIME

Criminal Activities: Street crime in Burkina Faso poses moderate risks for visitors. Most reported incidents involve purse-snatchers and street scam artists. Wallets, jewelry and other valuables are subject to theft, especially during times of international meetings or events, which draw large crowds. In the capital, Ouagadougou, there has been a relatively high incidence of purse snatchings and muggings in the areas near and around the U.N. Circle and the central market. Travelers who stay alert, remain in groups and avoid poorly lit areas, especially after dark, may avoid problems. The loss or theft abroad of a U.S. passport should be reported immediately to local police and to the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Burkina Faso is strict on: Drugs and firearms.

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WEATHER

http://cnn.com/WEATHER/html

Http://www.weatherunderground.com/

Sand Dunes in Oursi

CLOTHING

Uniform restrictions: Uniforms/flight suits are appropriate in airport area and enroute to hotels. Civilian clothing is recommended at all other times. Coolest clothing possible is recommended. Light fall clothing is suitable for cool desert evenings.

Monument Place – Naba Koom

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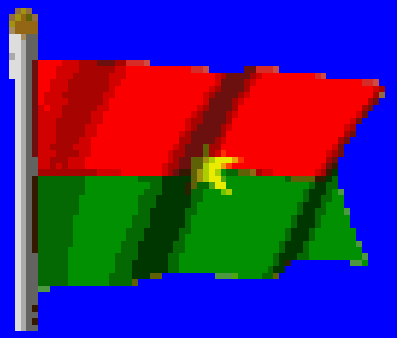

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